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C O N F I D E N T I A L STOCKHOLM 5355

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SUBJECT: APPEARANCE OF TAIWAN OPERA IN SWEDEN DRAWS PRC PROTEST

REF: (A) COPENHAGEN 3128, (B) VIENNA 8006, (C) OSLO 4905

1. THE TAIWAN OPERA COMPANY APPEARED IN GOTEBOG
ON SWEDEN'S WEST COAST FROM SEPTEMBER 23 TO 26.
GIVING ABOUT 5 PERFORMANCES. THERE WAS VERY LITTLE
PUBLICITY IN THE STOCKHOLM PRESS, THOUGH THE
PERFORMANCES WERE WELL ADVERTISED IN THE GOTEBOG AREA.

2. THOUGH MFA IS NOT PUBLICIZING THE MATTER, POLITICAL
COUNSELOR LEARNED FROM MFA DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL
AFFAIRS THAT THE PRC HAD LODGED A PROTEST
WITH THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT OVER THE APPEARANCE AND
THE ISSUING OF VISAS TO THE COMPANY. MFA REPLIED
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THAT GOS POLICY DID NOT ALLOW INTERFERENCE WITH

CULTURAL AFFAIRS, AND THAT MATTER OF VISA ISSUANCE
WAS UNDER JURISDICTION OF THE IMMIGRATION OFFICE,
WHICH PURSUED ITS OWN POLICIES BASED ON SWEDISH LAW.

3. IN FOLLOW-UP CONVERSATION WITH MFA OFFICIAL
RESPONSIBLE FOR PRC AFFAIRS, EMBASSY OFFICER WAS
TOLD THAT GOS WILL PROCEED AS IN THE PAST AND THAT
TAIWANESE WILL BE TREATED AS ANY OTHER FOREIGNERS
WISHING TO VISIT SWEDEN. OFFICIAL STATED THERE
WILL BE NO REVIEW OF GOS POLICY OF VISA ISSUANCE.
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